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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aim of price determination policy regarding present Public Distribution System of the Government is not to reduce the amount of subsidy;

(b) if so, the assessment made by the Government with regard to the fluctuation in amount of annual subsidy due to the recent changes made in Public Distribution System and increase in the prices of the commodities being distributed under PDS; and

(c) the benefits likely to reach the common men/consumers in the future through this system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) The aim of the price determination policy for PDS is to restict the subsidy on foodgrains to the Targetted population only.

(b) Annual subsidy is likely to reduce by over Rs. 1000 crores.

(c) With the abolition of subsidy for APL population, the targetted population will get increased quantity of foodgrains through TPDS at a reasonable price as the allocation for BPL families has been doubled from 10 kg per month per family to 20 kg per month per family.